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## Fail-Safe Numerical Control

Precision machining can be performed using tape or card-programmed numerical control. When a failure occurs in the control circuitry, a workpiece may be damaged before the machine operator detects the failure.

A fail-safe numerical control system has been developed by providing a duplicate set of control logic circuitry. Comparators are used to insure that the same data is present in both circuits. If any discrepancy is found, the machine is automatically stopped, before damage can occur.

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